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(SOUTH AUSTRALIA) INC**

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Mr Chris Picton MP  
Shadow Minister for Health and Wellbeing  
Parliament House  
Adelaide SA 5000

Dear Mr Picton

**Tobacco Products Regulation (E-Cigarettes and Review) Amendment Bill**

Thank you for seeking the AMA(SA)'s views on e-cigarettes and the Government's Tobacco Products Regulation (E-Cigarettes and Review) Amendment Bill.

The AMA(SA)'s position remains that reported in the joint submission we made with other health groups to the South Australian House of Assembly Select Committee inquiry into e-cigarettes (August 2015) which was to call for:

- A ban on the sale of electronic cigarettes and all vaporising devices and associated products such as liquids, cartridges and mouthpieces as smoking products, in the absence of any approvals by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).
- A ban on the use of electronic cigarettes in smoke-free areas.
- A ban on the advertising and promotion of electronic cigarettes, consistent with tobacco advertising prohibitions.

We welcomed the subsequent recommendations of the inquiry as a positive advance, although they did not go as far as we had sought.

Certainly e-cigarettes and related products should not be available to anyone under the age of 18 years; advertising and marketing restrictions that apply to tobacco products should also apply to e-cigarettes; and e-cigarettes must not be marketed as cessation aids until (and unless) there is evidence to confirm this role.

Accordingly we welcome the government's action to regulate e-cigarettes as an important measure, in the absence of the stronger approach our submission sought. We do not have feedback on specific details of the Bill, but would certainly not want to see it watered down in any respect.

We hope that these comments prove helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Hooper'.

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